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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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Mad Robin Ball

Join us on June 10 for the sixteenth annual Mad Robin Ball in the elegant Hermann Sons Hall in Petaluma. This is a chance to dress up and enjoy English Country dancing to wonderful live music in a grand old ballroom. This year we are delighted to welcome Scott Higgs, from Philadelphia, as our dancing master. We look forward to music by Rebecca King, Anne Goess, and Maurette Foster. Following the Saturday afternoon workshop and evening ball, we'll continue Sunday with a potluck brunch and special Sebastopol dance to make it a full weekend of fun. We hope to see you there!

Dance Up the Sun with ATM

As is their annual tradition, **Apple Tree Morris** will dance the sun up on **May 1st**, just behind the Community Center Youth Annex on Morris St. in Sebastopol. This year May Day falls on a Monday, and the sun rises at 6:06 a.m. Plan on arriving around 5:30 to catch the first dances. Dress warmly, bring chairs, blankets, and food to share at the potluck breakfast that follows. There will be Morris dancing, community social dancing & singing. Call Cliff at 707-823-6925. Sneak in some fun before your work day and join in the festivities!

California Qu'Ale 2017

For over 25 years a gathering of Morris teams from across the U.S., and sometimes the UK, gather to dance, perform, and generally carouse, while sharing in that peculiar recreation known as Morris Dancing. This year will be hosted by our own Apple Tree Morris the weekend of May 19– 21 at the CYO Retreat Ctr in Occidental. As part of the Qu'Ale, they will be touring throughout Sonoma County performing. Keep an eye on www.nbcds.org for updates.

Faultline Registration Opens

Clear your calendar the third weekend of June for Faultline Frolic at Monroe Hall! Dancing, singing, eating and celebrating community are all key to this special urban dance weekend. This year's Frolic is June 16-18, and features **Riptide** and **Lindsey Dono**. Riptide consists of Alden Robinson on fiddle, Glen Loper on mandolin and feet, and Owen Marshall on guitar. They describe their music as "wicked good music from Maine." It will get even more wicked and energetic with the addition of Pokey Hellenberg on percussion! Lindsey Dono (WA), calls with a confidence and graceful expertise that belies her youth.

Saturday morning you can dance to **TriplePlay** with Bay Area favorites Chris Knepper on fiddle & mandolin, Ben Schreiber on fiddle, and Charlie Hancock on accordion & keyboard. **Kelsey Hartman** will call with them, treating us with her expert calling and fabulous dance choices.

The size of our weekend is constrained by the dimensions of our beloved Monroe Hall, so don't procrastinate—sign up! This year you can register and pay online—go to www.nbcds.org

NBCDS Website prevails!

Our newly launched website had a rocky start, with slow speeds and the host losing most of our stored data. Sarah Lee came to our rescue and got things sorted out with a server upgrade and a huge amount of re-entered data. Now it's purring like a kitten, so make sure to thank her when you see her on the dance floor. Our new website is beautiful and user friendly. Check it out at www.nbcds.org

Special Spring Contra Dances

Spring time brings out of town talent to our area. We have some special dances lined up to blossom your Spring energy:

*The April 2nd Petaluma dance is cancelled to make way for the Post Epicenter Aftershock felt in Mill Valley. The dance stars both bands—Genticorum and Triple A+, and callers—Sarah VanNorstrand & Frannie Marr. Shake! Rumble! And Roll!

*Monday, May 1 is a special bonus dance in Petaluma! Experience the magic of dancing to The Offbeats with caller Andrea Nettleton (GA). We will dance in our new Petaluma location, 7:00—10:00.

*At the May 7 Petaluma dance we will enjoy the popular East Coast band, Buddy System—a young, creative super-duo!

*June 18 we will feel the AfterShock of Faultline Frolic at Strawberry Hall in Mill Valley. Riptide & Lindsey Dono will shake the house.

*Friday, June 30 at the San Rafael Unitarian Church brings another bonus dance. Joyride (OR), a premier West coast band, and the effervescent caller Deb Comly (AZ) promise to be a guaranteed win!

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North Bay Country Dance Calendar: Spring 2017

Key to Hall Locations and Contacts:

PET ~ 1st Sun, 6:30 – 9:30 pm; St John's Episcopal Church, 40 Fifth St, Petaluma; linda@nbcds.org

SRF ~ 2nd Sat, 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin (Unitarian Church), 240 Channing Way, San Rafael

Or alternate site: Strawberry Reception Hall, 118 E Strawberry Dr, Mill Valley; Margaret@nbcds.org

SRO ~ 3rd Fri, 5th Sat, 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa; 707-545-1274, contrabeet43@gmail.com

SEB Contra ~ 4th Sat, 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; andy@nbcds.org

SEB ECD ~ 1st & 3rd Sun, 2:00 - 4:30 pm; Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 707-829-0168, kalia@nbcds.org

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Come a half hour early to every dance for a newcomers lesson.

Regular dance admission: \$12 adults, \$10 members; \$5 adults under 30, FT students w/ ID and financial hardship; \$2 ages 6–17; under 6 free.

Special Dance prices: \$14 non-members (Strawberry Hall \$15); \$12 members; \$7 adults under 30, students & financial hardship

Apple Tree Morris dancers meet weekly and welcome new members - no experience necessary. Cliff Stevens, 823-6925, cliff@kichu.com

Go to <http://www.nbcds.org/> for more information on North Bay Country Dance Society, membership and events.

April

Sun 2	ECD	SEB	Bruce Hamilton	Bill Jensen (piano), Susan Jensen (flute), Erik Ievins (cello)
Sun 2	Contra	Petaluma dance cancelled for Special AfterShock Dance in Mill Valley. Both bands and callers from the Epicenter Dance Weekend at Strawberry Hall! Open to the public ~ 7:00—10:00 pm ~ Special Prices \$15/12/7		
Sat 8	Contra	SRAF	Jim Saxe	Deniz Akin (guitar, piano, bodhran), Obin Sturm (fiddle, banjo)
Sun 16	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Debra Tayleur (piano), Maggie Moore (violin), Dan Reynolds (bass)
Fri 21	Contra	SRO	Lea Smith	Whimsical: Janette Duncan (fiddle), Roxanne Oliva (accordion, flute), Debra Tayleur (piano), Regan Hemphill (fiddle), Beth Christian (cello)
Sat 22	Contra	SEB	Celia Ramsay	Nanette Fynan (fiddle), Alan Keith (accordion, Scottish smallpipe), Suzanne Eraldi (whistle), Bobbie Fortunati (guitar), Bob Wachunas (bodhran)
Sat 29	Contra	SRO	Chuck Galt	Erin Shrader (fiddle), Richard Mandel (guitar) Challenging Contra - Not For Beginners
Sun 30	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Advanced English Dance with recorded music

May

Mon 1	Contra	PET	Andrea Nettleton (GA)	The Offbeats: Jeff Spero (keyboard), Ashley Broder (mandolin), Ben Schreiber (fiddle) Special Bonus Dance! 6:30—9:30 pm
Sun 7	ECD	SEB	Alan Winston	Valerie Peters (piano), Clara Stefanov-Wagner (violin), Christopher Jacoby (accordion)
Sun 7	Contra	PET	Susan Petrick	Buddy System: Noah VanNorstrand (NY) (fiddle, mandolin, foot percussion), Julie Vallimont (MA) (piano, accordion, jawharp) Special Dance with special dance prices—\$14/12/7
Sat 13	Contra	SRAF	Celia Ramsey	Steam Packet: Richard Mandel (guitar), Erin Shrader (fiddle), Charlie Hancock (accordion)
Fri 19	Contra	SRO	Kelsey Hartman	Switching Protocols: John-Michael Seng-Wheeler (piano), Ruthie Byers (fiddle), Christopher Jacoby (accordion, mandolin)
Sun 21	ECD	SEB	Sharon Green	Laurie Reaume (piano), Anne Goess (violin), Judy Linsenberg (recorder)
Sat 27	Contra	SEB	Lea Smith	Roadoilers: Mike Drayton (fiddle), John Pedersen (banjo & fiddle), Chris Carney (guitar)

June

Sun 4	ECD	SEB	Ric Goldman	Gary Thomas (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Lisa Doyle (violin)
Sun 4	Contra	PET	Alan Winston	Stringfire: Shira Kammen (fiddle), Erik Ievins (cello), Patti Cobb (piano)
Sat 10	ECD	Mad Robin Ball, Petaluma – preregistration only – www.madrobin.org for more info and to register		
Sat 10	Contra	SRAF	Mike Fynan	Chris Knepper, (fiddle, mandolin), Charlie Hancock, (piano), Adrianna Ciccone (fiddle)
Sun 11	ECD	SEB	Scott Higgs	Rebecca King (piano), Anne Goess (violin), Maurette Foster (flute) Special post-Mad Robin Ball English dance
Fri 16	Contra	SRO	Dance Cancelled for Faultline Frolic Weekend~preregistration only~www.nbcds.org to sign up	
Sun 18	Contra	SRAF	Lindsey Dono	Riptide: Alden Robinson (fiddle), Owen Marshall (guitar), Glen Loper (mandolin) Mark Pokey Hellenberger (percussion) Aftershock Special Dance! Strawberry Hall ~ Special Prices \$15/12/7 ~ 7:30—10:30 pm
Sun 18	ECD	SEB	David Newitt	The Humuhumunukunukuapua'a and Strathspey Society Band
Sat 24	Contra	SEB	Ric Goldman	Three Fifths of Scotch: Debra Tayleur (piano), Elizabeth Todd (flute, percussion), Eloise Pelmuder (fiddle)
Fri 30	Contra	SRAF	Deb Comly (AZ)	Joyride (OR): George Penk (fiddle), Sue Songer (piano), Erik Weberg (flute, harmonica, bombarde), Jeff Kerssen-Griep (guitar, percussion) Special Dance! Unitarian Church ~ 8—11:00 pm ~ Special Prices \$14/12/7

Contra dancing & English country dancing are easy, fun & friendly. All dances are taught & prompted, and feature great live music. No experience necessary; come alone or bring a friend. Wear comfortable clothes and low, smooth-soled shoes. Scent-free dancing appreciated!